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## SS-22 Reported in East Germany

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) — A new, more accurate Soviet medium-range nuclear missile that could pose a wider threat to Western Europe has been spotted in East Germany for the first time, United States intelligence sources said today.

The sighting of the new missile, the SS-22, could mark the start of the weapon's deployment on Soviet allied territory in response to placement of new United States intermediate-range missiles in Western Europe, said the sources, who spoke only on condition they remain anonymous.

The 560-mile-range SS-22, developed to replace old SS-12 missiles, has never before been deployed outside the Soviet Union, the sources said.

### Increased Nuclear Threat

The SS-22 was seen at Bernsdorf, East Germany, about 33 miles west of the Polish border, they said. From such a position, the SS-22 could hit targets throughout West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark, as well as part of Britain, France and Italy.

The sources refused to say how the

missile at Bernsdorf was discovered for security reasons.

In November, Assistant Defense Secretary Richard N. Perle indicated that deployment of SS-22 missiles in Eastern Europe would increase the potential nuclear threat to NATO countries.

"If the Soviets move the SS-22's very far forward, it would extend target coverage" in Western Europe, Mr. Perle said at the time.

The nuclear arms race in Europe surged after the Soviet Union began deploying mobile SS-20 missiles in the late 1970's. From positions inside the Soviet Union, those 3,200-mile-range missiles could blanket Western Europe. At least 378 SS-20's have been reported deployed so far, about two-thirds oriented toward Europe and the rest toward Asia.

The North Atlantic Treaty Alliance responded in 1979 by agreeing that the United States should deploy 572 Pershing II ballistic missiles and ground-launched cruise missiles in Western Europe, in position to strike inside the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union waged an unsuccessful campaign to head off the new United States deployments, which started last month.

Among other things, the Soviet Union threatened such "retaliatory steps" as stationing new missiles in Eastern Europe. Last October, the Soviet Union announced it was beginning "preparatory work" toward deployments of new missiles in East Germany and Czechoslovakia.